

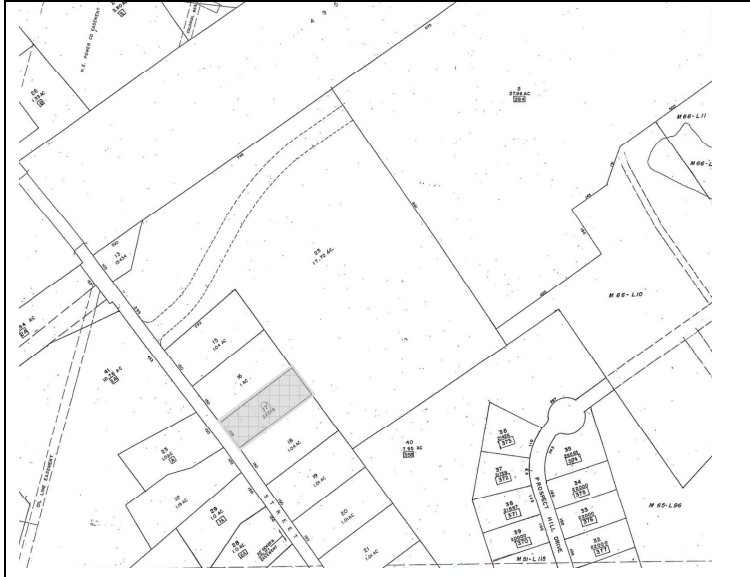
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 825 North Street

Historic Name: Josiah & Phebe Brown House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1852

Source: Historic Map & Style

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

Porch (late 19th century)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.73 Acres

Setting: Set back from the street in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a industrial park.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

825 NORTH STREET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

825 North Street is a one-and-a-half-story dwelling located on an elevated site above the level of North Street. The three by three bay dwelling rests on a granite foundation. The plan is rectangular with a rear shed roof porch addition. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A narrow brick chimney projects from the ridge of the roof. A shed roof wall dormer is located on the south elevation. The walls of the dwelling are clad in clapboards. The side gable entry is sheltered by a full-width front porch. The three bay porch features turned posts, decorative brackets, and a replacement balustrade between each posts. The underside of the porch is screened by diagonal lattice. Windows are replacement 6/6 sash windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The dwelling at 825 North Street was in 1852 owned by Phebe Varnum Brown, the wife of Josiah Brown. Phebe was Josiah second wife, his first wife was her sister Abigail who died in 1814, the year before Phebe and Josiah's marriage.

In 1875 the house was owned by L Trull and in 1889 was owned by E.G. Parker.

In the early 20th century the house was part of the large 700-acre estate owned by the Ames family. The dwelling was owned c1936 by Butler Ames. Butler Ames attended Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1894. He left the Army and attended MIT where he earned a degree as a mechanical and electrical engineer in 1896. During the Spanish American War he re-enlisted and served as an engineer officer. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel in 1898 and served as the civil administrator of the Arecibo district of Puerto Rico. He served as a representative to the Massachusetts House of Representatives (1897-1899) and the United States Congress (1903-1913). He was the president of United States Cartridge Co, treasurer of Heinze Electric Co. of Lowell, a director of the Wamesit Power Co in Tewksbury, and a director of Ames Textile Corp in Lowell. He was appointed General in the Massachusetts State Guard and served as Commander 1918-1919. He died in Tewksbury in 1954. It is locally believed that Butler Ames resided in the dwelling at 533 North Street near the entrance to his parents estate when he was living in Tewksbury.

In 1950s the land surrounding the house at 825 North Street and extending east to Ames Lake was owned by Alton Properties Inc. The land was subdivided into lots for the industrial park located to the east of the house off Radcliff Road. The house and several lots within the development were sold to North Shore Builders in 1956. North Shore Builders sold the house to Eleanor and George Kelley [Kelly] in 1956.

Additional owners include: Eleanor & George Kelley (1956-1983); Joanna & Gerald Surette (1989-1997); Joanna Surette (1997-1999); and Joanna Surette Napolitano & Paul Napolitano Jr (1999-2009).

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